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COSTA RICA.

Reports from Port Limon—Fruit port.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, April 26, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following weekly report: Three steamships have been inspected and cleared for New Orleans, none of them carrying passengers or baggage, viz, April 21, steamship *Venus*; crew, 26; master, Jorgensen. April 25, steamship *Beverly*; crew, 39; master, Israel. April 26, steamship *Olympia*; crew, 39; master, Seiders. Copies of certificates given them are inclosed herein. On April 22, I inspected 16 passengers embarking on the steamship *Athos*, bound for New York City, and with the United States consular agent at this port, signed a supplementary bill of health for said vessel, she being bound from Cartagena via Port Limon to New York.

Five deaths have occurred in Port Limon during the past week ended April 20; 1 adult, male, negro, pernicious malarial fever; 1 child, negro, cause unknown; 1 child, negro, marasmus; 1 adult, male, negro, dysentery; 1 child, negro, cholera infantum.

There is the usual amount of malarial fever within and around the town limits, but I can hear of the presence of no quarantinable disease.

The steam disinfecting chamber purchased by the United Fruit Company has just arrived and I await instructions from you as to whether I shall make use of it or not; in the meantime I, of course, will continue to use the formaldehyd.

Respectfully,

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Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, June 30, 1901.

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended June 30, 1901:

Present estimated population, 4,000.

Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 12. Prevailing diseases, malaria, tuberculosis, and syphilis.

General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week was as follows: The case of yellow fever reported June 12, is now well. On June 22 the premises, bedding, and clothing were disinfected. No other cases are under observation or known to exist in this port at present.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: June 22, steamship *Red Jacket*; crew, 22; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none; steamship *Origin*; crew, 24; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. June 24, steamship *Alleghany*; crew, 39; passengers from this port, 7; passengers in transit, 14; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. June 27, steamship *Olympia*; crew, 38; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. June 28, steamship *Hispania*; crew, 22; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of

baggage disinfected, none. June 29, steamship *Harold*; crew, 19; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. June 30, steamship *Venus*; crew, 28; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

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CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *July 1, 1901.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for the island of Cuba, I have the honor to transmit the following report for the district under my command for the week ended June 29, 1901:

Twenty-five deaths have occurred in this city; of these, 4 occurred in the civil hospital. No contagious diseases reported. The following show causes of death: Hemorrhage, cerebral, 2; entero-colitis, 2; insufficiency, mitral, 2; gastro-enteritis, 2; insufficiency, aortic, 2; diabetes, insipidus, 1; meningitis, cerebral, 1; burns, 1; paludism, 1; pernicious fever, 1; aphthæ, 1; anæmia, congenital, 1; enteritis, membranous, 1; enteritis, chronic, 1; meningitis, 1; tuberculosis, 1; embolism, 1; angina pectoris, 1; old age, 1; uræmia, 1; death rate per 1,000 inhabitants, 32.58.

Seven vessels were inspected and passed, granted pratique; 15 bills of health were issued vessels leaving Cienfuegos; 69 health certificates were issued passengers; 35 pieces baggage leaving Cienfuegos were inspected and passed; 1 vessel was disinfected—steamship *Ramon de Larrinaga*—previous to departure for New Orleans, and no alien steerage passengers were inspected and allowed to land.

Casilda.—Acting Asst. Surg. Alejandro Cantero reports 10 deaths during past two weeks. No contagious diseases reported; 15 vessels inspected and passed, granted pratique.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Acting Asst. Surg. Juan R. Xiques reports 1 death at that port during the week; no contagious diseases; 5 vessels inspected and passed, granted pratique, and 1 bill of health issued to a foreign-bound vessel.

Respectfully,

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Report from Gibara.

GIBARA, CUBA, *June 22, 1901.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for the island of Cuba, I have the honor to inclose herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended June 22, 1901. Also report of alien steerage passengers for the same time. Two deaths occurred in the city during the week, 1 from tuberculosis and 1 from nephritis. The sanitary condition of the town is good.

Respectfully,

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